

What is claimed is:

1. A composition for improving recovery from general anesthesia in patients having undergone general anesthesia
5 comprising modafinil in a pharmaceutically acceptable formulation.

2. A method for improving recovery from general anesthesia in patients having undergone general anesthesia
10 comprising:

- a) administering general anesthesia to a patient;
- b) monitoring the patient to determine that the patient is capable of ingesting liquids; and
- c) administering a therapeutically effective dose of
15 modafinil to the patient so that the symptoms associated with recovery from general anesthesia are reduced.